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GROWTH RATE IN ELEVENTH FIVE YEAR PLAN
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has set an ambitious 8.5 per cent growth target for the Eleventh Five year Plan;

(b) if so, the details worked out so far to achieve the target;

(c) whether the Planning Commission has convened a meeting of Chief Ministers of various States and Union Territories recently to finalise the draft Eleventh Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Planning Commission to ensure adequate allocation to States for various programmes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) & (b): No growth targets have been fixed for the Eleventh Five Year Plan. However, draft Approach to the Eleventh Plan has been prepared for consultations. In this draft Approach Paper, an average growth target of 8.5 per cent has been proposed.

(c) & (d): Yes Sir, the Planning Commission recently convened regional meetings with Chief Ministers of various States and Union Territories to obtain their views on the draft Approach Paper to the Eleventh Five Year Plan, the details of which are given in Annexure.

(e): No allocations have been made for the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

ANNEXURE Details of Regional Consultations for the Draft Approach Paper to the Eleventh Plan
Regional Consultations on the Draft Approach Paper to the Eleventh Five Year Plan have been held between Deputy Chairman and Members of the Planning Commission with States / UTs as per the following schedule:

Sl. No.	Date of Meetings	Venue	States/UTs
1.	27 - 28 June,2006	Mumbai	Maharashtra,Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Daman & Diu,Dadra & NagarHaveli
2.	3 - 4 July,2006	Delhi	Haryana, Punjab,Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh,Uttar Pradesh, Uttranchal, Delhi,Chandigarh
3.	8 - 9 July,2006	Shillong	AllNorth Eastern States(including Sikkim)
4.	17 - 18 July,2006	Kolkata	West Bengal, Orissa, Bihar,

			Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, A&N Islands
5.	21 - 22 July,2006	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala, Tamil Nadu,AndhraPradesh, Karnataka, Pondicherry, Lakshadweep
6.	24 July, 2006	Delhi	Gujarat and Rajasthan

The consultations were taken up over 2 days with three sessions at each of these meetings. In the first session on day one, a Presentation was made by Planning Commission highlighting the main issues in the Approach Paper followed by comments by each of the Chief Ministers/Lt. Governors or their representatives. In the second session, discussions were held with the State Planning Ministers, Vice Chairpersons of State Planing Boards and Planning Secretaries on the process, timeliness and other issues relating to the formulation of the State Approach Paper and District Plans for the Eleventh Five Year Plan. On the second day of the discussions, there was interaction between Planning Commission and civil society representatives including academicians, researchers and NGOs. The suggestions that emerged from the regional consultations will be suitably incorporated in the final Approach Paper.